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**NATIONAL NON DOMESTIC RATES
APPLICATION FOR RURAL SETTLEMENTS RATES RELIEF**

(Please refer to the Relevant Legislation & Explanatory Notes enclosed before completing this form)

(Please use BLOCK CAPITALS)

Account Reference		Property Reference	
Date of Purchase		Date of Occupation	
Property Address for which you are claiming relief		Description	2010 List RV
		Trade or Business carried out	

To apply for this relief, please complete and return this form to the Business Rates Section within 14 days. Any delay in applying may affect the amount of relief you are granted.

To qualify for Rural Settlements Rate Relief your property must be included on the Rural Settlement List which is reviewed annually and updated as at 31st December

The list is available for public inspection at the Council Offices, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and a copy can be downloaded from the website.

Qualifying Rural Settlement	
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Type of Relief being claimed
(Please read the explanatory notes overleaf)

MANDATORY 50%	Yes	No	DISCRETIONARY up to 100%	Yes	No
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N.B. You may be required to supply further information, e.g. Trading Accounts, in support of your application for Discretionary Relief.

I DECLARE that the information given on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed..... Date.....
Name.....

Full Name of Ratepayer or Company	
Correspondence Address / Registered Office
e-Mail address
Telephone Number

EXPLANATORY NOTES – RURAL SETTLEMENTS RATE RELIEF

Relevant Legislation

- Local Government & Rating Act 1997 – Schedule 1 as amended by
- SI no. 1345 the National Non-Domestic Rating (Public Houses & Petrol Filling Stations) (England) Order 2001
- SI no. 1346 the National Non-Domestic Rating (Rural Settlements) (England) (Amendment) Order 2001
- Rating(Former Agricultural Premises and Rural Shops) Act 2001 and
- SI no. 2585 the Non-Domestic Rating (Former Agricultural Premises) (England) Order 2001
- SI no. 3153 the Non-Domestic Rating (Rural Settlements)(England) (Amendment) Order 2004
- SI no. 3175 the Non-Domestic Rating (Rural Settlements)(England) (Amendment) Order 2009

Eligibility for Mandatory Rate Relief

To qualify for 50% mandatory rate relief under the Rural Settlements rate relief scheme, the property:

1. must be within the boundaries of a qualifying settlement, with a population below 3,000.
2. must have a rateable value of not more than :-
 - £8,500 for a general store, post office, or a qualifying food store
 - £12,500 for a public house or petrol filling station.
3. must be the only general store , post office, public house or petrol filling station in the settlement, or a qualifying food store (i.e. selling food for human consumption – excluding confectionery & catering – eat in & take away.)

Note: It is possible for both a general store and a post office in the same settlement to qualify for mandatory rate relief, provided that they both meet the criteria

Eligibility for consideration of discretionary rate relief

WLBC has the discretion to grant up to an additional 50% relief to any property which qualifies for mandatory rate relief.

It may also grant up to 100% rate relief to any rural business provided that:

1. it is within the boundaries of a qualifying settlement, with a population below 3,000
2. it has a rateable value of not more than £16,500
3. it is used for purposes which are of benefit to the local community, and
4. it is reasonable for the authority to make such a decision having regard to the interests of persons liable to pay council tax set by it.

NOTE: Discretionary Relief is not limited to any particular type of business.

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Application no.

<i>Date Received</i>	<i>Assessment date</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
		YES / NO	